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SKD English Honor Society inducts new members

By Stacey Morris
Staff Writer

The Psi Gamma Chapter of Sigma Kappa Delta, the English Honor Society, inducted 119 new members Oct. 30. About 100 friends and family attended the ceremony in the White Administration Board Room, Faculty Sponsor Dr. Linda Gary said.

Dean Richard Minter, English Department Chair Sarah Harrison and English faculty members Dr. Alan Barnes, Paula Buck and Mary Adams also attended, Gary said.

Keynote speaker Ken-

neth Threlkeld talked about the importance of student involvement in academics and community activities, Gary said. He owns Threlkeld and Company Insurance in Tyler and is an active Shriner.

New members are: Kelsi Adams, Meredith Aiken, Harold Marcos Mateos Alvarado, Kimsuen Ames, James J. Anderson, Raven Asher, Danielle R. Balderas, Timothy Ballard, Zachary Barton, Marla Beard, Lisa Beeson and Elizabeth Bettin.

Others are: Jessica Blackstone, Branden Blan-

ton, Blake Bostick, Candle Na'Khae Brockway, Heather Buffington, Bradley Bullock, Kathy Burson, Jessica L. Cardwell, Nancy Carrillo, Catherine Cavanaugh, Erica Chaney and Dick Conley.

Also included: Charity Cooke, Daphanie Crawford, Sarah Kay Crymes, Isaac Dargan, Emily M. Davis, Jimmy D. Dawson, Erin Desmond, Sara England, Justin Farmer, Rachel Earl Felipe, Traci Fields and Joshua P. Fowler.

Along with: Gia Fredrickson, Kathryn Garcia, Jonathan L. Gray, Kinsey

Gresham, Mary Hale, Janet Haynes, Chance L. Heck, Savannah Jane Herrington, Jay Ryan Hill, Loretta Lynn Hooper, Shasonya Houston and Jill Hudnall.

Also included: Meagan Hughes, Christina Ivey, DeAnn D. Jackson, Luke Johnson, Aaron Jung, Brian Keese, Laura Kennedy, Virginia Lanham, Lauren Lomanto, Melodee Lower, Cierra Lowery, Bambi J. Lutz, Bretton S. Mariani, Holly Marshall and Eduardo Martin.

Others included: Elizabeth A. Martin, Katherine C. Martin, Lenieshia T. Mayberry, Charles M. McKnight, Zoila Mojarro, Jared Monk, Sarah J. Moore, Stacy Morris, Amanda Muehlstein, Nancy Murphy, Richard E. Oliver, Christine Pannell, James C. Parson, Cassandra Patterson and Jamie Pirtle.

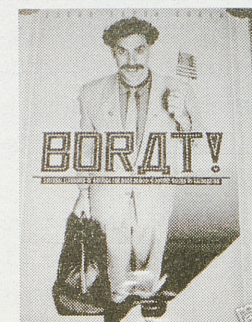
Along with: Brad Quillin, Emily Raines, Lisa Randles, Marla Reed-Hurtado, Kimberly Reeves, Rubyth Renteria, Chelsea Reynolds, Lisa Ritter, Anissa Rodgers, Rosa Ileana Rodriguez, Regan Rowley, Tilwanda Scott, Dedran Simpson, Ashton Smith and Lindsay Souter.

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Left to right: Priscilla Sullivan, president; Jamie Hullet, treasurer; Dr. Linda Gary, lead advisor; Ms. Judi Bateman, advisor; Jon Beck, secretary; Joy Hullet, historian; Ms. Mandy Stubblefield, advisor; Nathan Chaney, vice president; and Dr. Richard Parrish, adviser.



BORAT! tops the movie charts

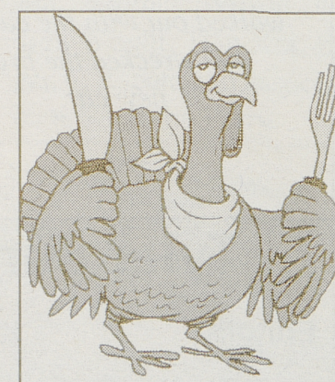
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Thanksgiving holiday starts Nov. 22

Democrats win, elect majority in House and Senate

By Nathan Bailey
Staff Writer

Americans elected a new Congress on Nov. 2, giving Democrats control of both House of Representatives and the Senate. The black shroud of the Iraq war and the Mark Foley scandal loomed over the Republican Party's devastating defeat.

History Instructor Dr. Gene Kirkpatrick said the loss follows a typical pattern. "When one party is in control for several years, there can be a rumbling for change," he

said. That rumble for change was echoed by the defeat of incumbent Republican Senator of Virginia George Allen. Allen, who hoped to be in contention for a presidential bid in 2008, found his dreams shattered when Virginia elected Democrat James Webb. Allen lost by fewer than 10,000 votes in a traditionally Republican state.

The Montana Senate race in which Democrat Jon Tester defeated incumbent Republican Conrad Burns by fewer than 5,000 votes, was equally devastating for Re-

publicans.

"I expected the House to go to the Democrats," Kirkpatrick said. But many were surprised the Senate's power also changed hands.

"People want problems dealt with. After enough time, not addressing these problems shows up," Kirkpatrick said. "The Republican defeat may have come sooner than expected. Many believed in the myth of the conservative revolution."

The failed policy of the Iraq War, mixed in with the Mark Foley

and Jack Abramoff scandals has left a sour taste for the Republican Party in many voters' minds. Now the Democratic Party must answer the mandate of the people.

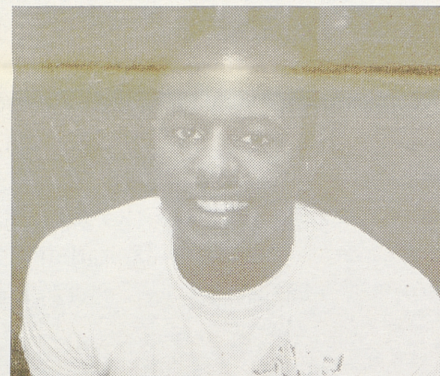
The Democrats ran on a party platform of "change" and Americans voted for them. Democrats will have to make good on their promises of change. If not, in two years the balance of power will change again, Kirkpatrick said.

Campus Focus

What is your favorite Thanksgiving memory?

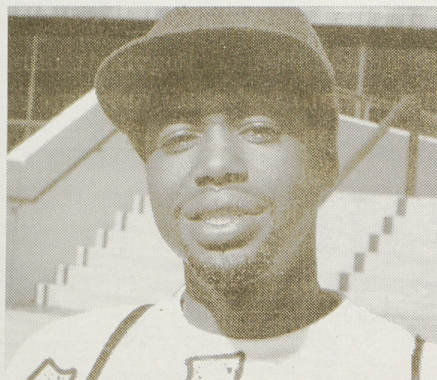


Dental hygiene major Demarcus Wright said, "Everybody getting together and pitching in helping to get the Thanksgiving meal ready."



General studies major Raul Manzano said, "When I went to Mexico and spent time with my family because I hadn't seen them in a long time."

Pre-nursing major Stacy Storkson said, "When my brother was two, and he walked out with the car keys and wrecked the brand new car."



Psychology major Derrick Starks said, "I'm from London, so probably my first Thanksgiving was about five years ago. I didn't know what was going on, but everyone was eating a lot. I liked it."



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TRiO aids low-income students in degree plan

By Robyne Brown
Staff Writer

TRiO is a TJC program that helps first generation low income students get their associate degree and move on to earn their bachelor's degree. Not all TRiO students are from low income families. Some are first generation college students and vice versa. TRiO must help 67 percent of first generation low income families. The other 33 percent can be any child

of parents who did not attend college.

TRiO stands for Touching lives, Reaching out, Increasing knowledge and Opening doors. This program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education, which enables colleges to provide support services to assist students.

The main goals for each student are: stay in college, graduate from a two-year institution, transfer to a

four-year school and to create a campus climate supportive of under-prepared and under-represented students.

TRiO offers many programs to help students. These include free tutoring, individual academic counseling, study skills seminars and financial planning workshops. TRiO students get 6 - 8 hours of tutoring per week. Last semester TRiO treated the students

to a trip to see Bill Cosby when he performed at the University of Texas at Tyler.

To become a part of TRiO, students must fill out an application and the staff will take it from there.

The TRiO office is located on the third floor of Rogers Student Center. For additional information contact Academic Retention Specialist Amy Fowler at 903-510-2886.

Tae Kwon Do classes help develop safety

By Jennyfer Keohane
Staff Writer

Several police and sheriff's departments have developed self defense programs to teach women how to protect themselves against an attacker. A day doesn't go by without a news report about how Americans are becoming more and more unhealthy.

Our population is increasingly more overweight than any other nation on earth. Images of

horrible crimes against defenseless people continue to appear. The past 10 years have brought an increase in reports of attacks against women on college campuses.

At University of Texas at Arlington a predator broke into women's dorms.

TJC students are required to take at least one physical education class before they graduate. TJC and many other colleges offer many physi-

cal education courses include archery, horseback riding and fencing.

TJC offers a self-defense class in tae kwon do taught by Black Belt Master Tina McCasland, or "Master McCasland" as her students call her. This class offers both aerobic and intense muscle workout.

"This discipline can be carried on through your daily living. Tae kwon do has become a global sport and is now an official Olympic sport," McCasland said. "It's usable for self defense and protection, as well as giving you the self-confidence, discipline and ability to focus on other aspects of life."

This Korean martial art was developed more than 5,000 years ago. "Tae" means "foot, leg or to step," "kwon" means "fist" or "fight" and "do" means "the way or discipline."

McCasland, a Black

Belt Master for six years, has been teaching for more than 26 years. She holds a fifth degree Black Belt in tae kwon do, a third degree in judo and is a master in both. She has taught at TJC for almost 6 years and is highly respected and revered by her students.

Getting her black belt was no easy task because it takes many years of training to get each degree.

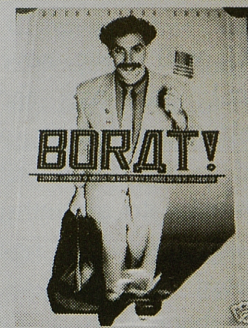
By the time McCasland earns a 10th degree Black Belt, she will be in her 70s, she said.

"I was extremely lucky to have a Korean Grand Master as my instructor all these years," she said. Grand Master Sang "John" Kim, an 8th degree Black Belt, taught her.

Students can obtain their first degree Black Belt while attending TJC classes, and earn four hours credit, according

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Movie Review



"Prepare to be Offended" the disclaimer should read for all who see "Borat: Cultural Learning's of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan." Larry Charles of "Curb Your Enthusiasm" directs the film that pokes fun at every cultural barrier in America and beyond.

British Comedian Sacha Baron Cohen stars as Borat, a journalist from Kazakhstan who journeys to America to bridge the cultural gap between Kazakhstan and the United States. Borat's quest is derailed after he views an episode of "Baywatch" and learns of American pinup queen Pamela Anderson. Borat sets off to California where he hopes to marry Pamela.

Cohen comes face to face with the heart of middle America, and spits in it. He exploits the taboo in America that has existed since the "politically correct" era began. Perhaps this is why Cohen could be a genius.

"Borat" who screams to the "Jack-ass" generation, has become an instant cult phenomenon. Expect to see a lot more of Sacha Baron Cohen as he becomes the next comedic superstar.

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Botanical Gardens create educational atmosphere on campus

By Katie Hall
Editor

TJC will have seven botanical gardens, each privately funded, put out for bid to the community and awarded to a contractor. Only one has been completed and the second has been started. The other six will come later.

Ina Brundrett developed the original idea for the gardens in the mid-90's. The first of the seven to be completed was the Brundrett Azalea Garden, located between Jenkins Hall, Wise Auditorium and the Wise Cultural Arts Building.

Construction on the

Jenkins Courtyard Garden has begun and will be completed by mid-January. The five other gardens to be constructed are the President's Garden, located behind the White Administrative Services Center, the Arts Garden, located in Wise Cultural Arts Plaza, the Education Garden, located between Jenkins and Potter halls, the Mahon Street Event Garden, located east of the Arts Garden and the Campus Center Garden, located between Vaughn Library and Jenkins Hall. Each of these will add a unique aspect to the campus for students to enjoy.

Principal Gifts Director Mitch Andrews said, "We are grateful to the community's generosity

of wanting to develop an educational attraction on campus. The gardens will help enhance student life

and provide horticulture and education opportunities for the community."

Courtesy photo



Murrell to handle Student Code of Conduct violations

By Nathan Bailey
Staff Writer

Student Judicial Coordinator Brandi Murrell fills a new staff position TJC has added this fall. Her full-time administrative position "conducts the judicial process along with the outreach and education

of the student code of conduct," Murrell told journalism classes last week.

Murrell, a Texas Tech graduate, began work Aug. 14. She focuses on student's actions that violate the Student Code of Conduct.

Cases arise when a student, faculty, staff or cam-

pus visitor files a written report to the vice president for student affairs. The validity of the complaint is reviewed and referred to Student Judicial Programs. If a student has violated the code of conduct, the judicial process begins.

Murrell will send an

allegation letter to the student in question. The student will have five business days to respond to the allegation by scheduling a meeting with Murrell.

During the meeting the student will discuss the incident and has a right to respond to any allegations.

Campus Safety officers will be present during the meeting, Murrell said.

While speaking to the student, Murrell will determine the appropriate outcome. The student will receive a decision letter that will explain the Student Judicial Program's decision. Penalties can include probation, restitution and expulsion. The student can appeal within three days of the decision letter.

Another focus of the Student Judicial Program is outreach and education.

"Students need to read the code of conduct so they know what their rights and responsibilities are," Murrell said. Student Judicial Programs plans to update the student code of conduct by next fall.

Theater group to spend 5 days in New York City

By Jennyfer Keohane
Staff Writer

The TJC Speech and Theater Department will sponsor a five-day sightseeing and educational trip to New York City in June, 2007, Dr. David Crawford, speech and theater department chair, said. The itinerary, hosted by Endless Adventures, will include a tour of sites on and off

Broadway, professional workshops, shopping and sightseeing. An escort and tour guide will accompany the group at all times.

Trip price ranges from \$1,471 to \$2,320 depending on occupancy and number of participants. The price covers five-night's lodging in the Radio City Apartments, a Metro Card for bus and subway access,

transportation to and from the airport and hotel, workshops, shows and accident insurance. Anyone planning to attend must be enrolled in Drama 1310-669 by May. 21, 2007 and meet all TASP requirements or obtain special permission. Enrollment in this drama class costs from \$218 to \$454 depending on where the student lives.

This third trip to New York will be open to anyone interested in musical theater. They should contact Dr. Crawford to make a small down payment and payment arrangements. Final payment is due no later than April 30, 2007. More information about Endless Adventures is available by visiting their website at www.endlessonline.com.

Tyler welcomes Chinese exchange students

By John Mulder
Staff Writer

The SHARE! High School Exchange Program will bring six teenage boys from China to spend the spring semester in the United States.

The students will need host families as they learn American customs, study in American schools and serve as international youth ambassadors for their coun-

try. The students are all covered by medical insurance, speak English and have their own spending money. They will arrive early in January for enrollment in their new American high school, according to Yvette Coffman, SHARE! southwest regional administrator.

SHARE! has been placing international high school exchange students with host families

for more than 34 years.

All six are leaders in their schools and communities, motivated and enthusiastic individuals who are eager to become involved in American customs.

For more information on hosting a student from China call Yvette Coffman at the SHARE! Southwest office at 1-800-941-3738.

Cashiers office feels like home

By Simon Saleh
Staff Writer

Every TJC student has passed by or visited the cashiers office. The many situations the cashiers handle make an interesting story. A normal day consists of a steady flow of students picking up checks, making tuition payments and paying fines. The most busy time is when tuition payments are due around Nov 3.

This office takes deposits from all over campus including student organizations. They also swap copy machine coins for bills, sell tickets to shows and take flu shot and housing payments. Every morning a campus safety officer takes the deposit to the bank. Cashiers Janet Dennis and Loretta Coleman could even work the box office for campus shows if that were needed.

Dennis has worked as cashier for 15 years, and

Coleman has one-year's experience. Both women say their time in the office includes much more than handling money problems.

"We feel like we are psychiatrists," Coleman said, "as we listen to students' problems and love to give students advice." The problems that they hear about involve more than just money.

"One woman picked up her son's loan check so that she could bail him out of jail," Dennis said.

"One student had a problem and ended up bringing in his lawyer to try and get his check," Coleman said. Another woman brought her dog in while they helped her. They both agree the best part of their jobs is helping students and people in general.

As a result the two women said they have be-

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New bell trailer displays school pride, tradition

By Ashley Van Horn
Staff Writer

James King, West Campus welding instructor, has several students in the skilled training center who create really unique artwork. One of his students, Victor Morales, who is hearing-impaired, has created way to celebrate touchdowns at football games.

In 1954, the Cotton Belt Railroad donated a bell to TJC. Morales built a trailer with the bell welded on this semester. He also welded a large Texas map with an Apache in it. He worked on this alone for about two to three weeks. The bell has become a tradition at the game. Every time the Apaches score, they ring the bell. The trailer will be stored at the spirit and traditions center.

Photo by Ashley Van Horn

Walt Disney World offers special learning experience

By Kyle Lane
Staff Writer

TJC attracts business representatives and senior colleges to recruit students on campus for special learning and job opportunities.

Walt Disney World representatives visited TJC Nov. 6 to offer students a one-of-a-kind experience.

Disney clearly offers a unique opportunity for students who wish to expand

and try something new. Accepted students will have the chance to live in designated areas near the park and be offered transportation to work and classrooms.

While in Walt Disney's College Program, students can choose from many of the most common majors offered at universities. Students are paid \$6.65 an hour, plus any additional premium pay. Housing will

be paid by deductions from students' paychecks. Students are also promised a minimum of 30 hours a week, plus any extra hours they wish to work. According to Disney Theme Parks & Resorts College Program, a nationwide survey

of 37,000 students conducted by Universum Communications named Walt Disney Co. as No. 1 employer. Disney was recently ranked first as "Best Places to Launch a Career" in Business Week. Although Disney recruiters have al-

ready come and gone, students who missed the event can log onto www.wdw-collegeprogram.com and send in online applications to be approved for 2007 spring and fall semesters.

Tae Kwon Do classes offered at TJC

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to the Student Handbook.

McCasland teaches her beginning, intermediate and advanced students in combined classes offered at both 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

She teaches in both English and Korean, with commands in Korean and instruction in English.

Students are tested using the Korean commands and have the ability to earn one belt. Most belt

tests are done every three months, but the layout of a four-month college semester makes this not possible.

McCasland said she believes in teaching students to use repetition of specific moves so they become instinctive.

"In my classes I work many hours on muscle memory which is the most important. Repeating basic moves so much that it becomes your natural ability," McCasland said. "If

you had to use your skill outside of class as a defense, you do not have time to stop and think."

In spring semester Master McCasland hopes to add judo to her martial arts class, depending on scheduling and TJC approval.

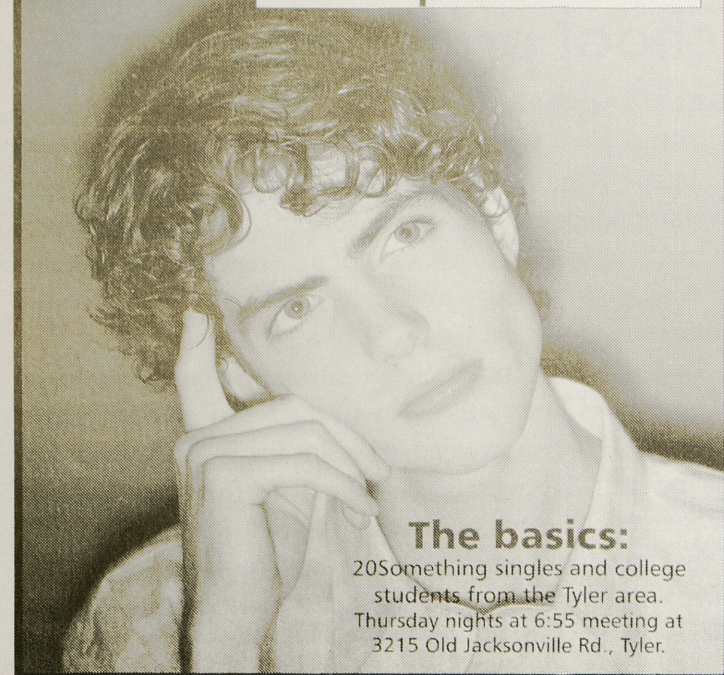
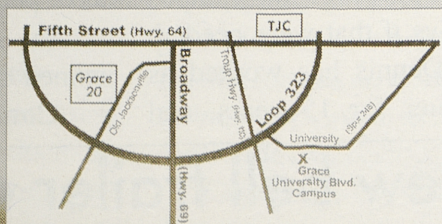
Judo has more close contact than tae kwon do. Anyone with questions for McCasland can e-mail her at Tinamccasland@yahoo.com.

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Academic dishonesty growing in popularity

By Scott Hays
Staff Writer

Since the mid-90's the growing internet boom has fueled many unethical and illegal acts from identity theft and terrorism to sexual predators, pornography and violations of academic integrity.

TJC's Center for Academic Integrity defines academic integrity as a commitment, even in the face of adversity, to five fundamental values: honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility.

In 1999, 10 percent of college students across America admitted to some form of committing academic dishonesty, but today more than 40 percent will admit to these actions.

Academic dishonesty consists of cheating, plagiarism, collusion, falsifying records or misrepresenting facts and knowingly furnishing false information, but is not limited to these actions. Judicial Programs Coordinator Brandi Murrell was employed last year to help students understand

and avoid academic dishonesty. Over the past year she has compiled statistics of violations, determined which departments and campus areas are most effected and researched demographics of the actions.

The Apache Accountability Program states, "You are accountable for all actions all the time." This is true whether students are on campus, at home, or anywhere in the community. Integrity is not just limited to research papers.

Local celebrities compete in dance competition

Part-time Ballroom Instructor Sal Landeros and Dance Instructor Jennifer Bailey joined Christine Nelson and Stephen Parr from KLTV to win the men's and women's divisions of Dancing with the Tyler Stars Oct. 14. They raised more than \$10,680 for the Tyler Aids Services.

Landeros and Nelson won the entire competition after a dance off between Landeros and his partner Nelson and Bailey and her partner Parr, Bailey said.

Dancing with the Tyler Stars featured six dance instructors and six local celebrities from CBS 19, KLTV and NBC 56. In 10 lessons, the instructors teach the Stars the waltz and swing dances. The local celebrities then competed against each other in men's and women's divisions.

Las Mascaras reaches 80

Along with TJC's celebration of its 80th year, the drama club Las Mascaras will celebrate its 80th anniversary as well. The orga-

nization began on the afternoon of the opening day of TJC, according to Dr. David Crawford, speech and theater department chair. They will perform "A Name for a Ghost to Mutter" Nov. 29-Dec. 4 in the Jean Browne Theatre. Reservations can be made for \$5 in advance, or payments can be made at the door. Students receive free admission with a student I.D.

Bell Tower submissions due Nov. 21

The deadline for submissions to The Bell Tower Arts Journal is Nov. 21. Forty-eight submissions have been received so far, with about 20 more expected, Faculty Sponsor Dr. Linda Gary said.

Submissions will be accepted from any TJC student in any major or field of study. Forms are available in the University Studies Office, in the Graphic Arts Department or from the Art Club.

Poetry, photography, short stories, essays, visual or graphic art and any other form of literary expression will be considered for this

publication, Gary said.

UT Arlington recruits TJC students

University of Texas at Arlington representatives will recruit transfer students in Jenkins Hall by the double stairwell from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Dec. 5. Information regarding the university will be provided.

Survey lays out best places to sleep on campus

Do you often wonder where is the best place to sleep on campus? A survey of 25 TJC students of where they sleep exposed that 14 don't sleep on campus at all. The other nine students said they all sleep on campus a few times a week.

Five students said they sleep in the library, five students sleep in class, three in their cars and one sleeps in the Student Center.

One unique place is on the TRIO couch in the Student Center, Mansol Vasquez said. Jessica Childress thinks it's best to sleep in the mailroom.

"Nutcracker" tradition continues

By Bethany Frank
Staff Writer

The classic tradition of the "Nutcracker" Ballet will return to Wise Auditorium for the 18th consecutive year at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1 and 2 and at 2 p.m. Dec. 3.

Many changes have been made to this year's production.

The UT Tyler Engineering Department directed by Dr. David Beams, has added modern technology, Jennifer Bailey, TJC Academy of Dance interim director said.

The stage clock has been renovated to keep time with a pendulum and

new effects have been added to the tree. Dancers will wear new costumes.

For the third year, Arina Kolotova and Konstantin Kolotov from the Corpus Christi Ballet will perform as the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier.

Kolotova and Kolotov, originally from Russia, have taught TJC summer programs and master classes.

Selections from the "Nutcracker" were performed at Mistletoe and Magic family night Nov. 10. Two showings for local grade schools will be presented on campus Dec. 1, Bailey said.

"This gives students the opportunity to work with professional guest artists and receive a well-rounded performance experience," Bailey said.

Costing more than \$25,000 to put on, the Academy relies on ticket sales and grants and donations from Target, the Texas Commission on the Arts, Helen S. Boylan Foundation, Dr. Roy Lee Kingry and Dr. Julia Hwang, Bailey said.

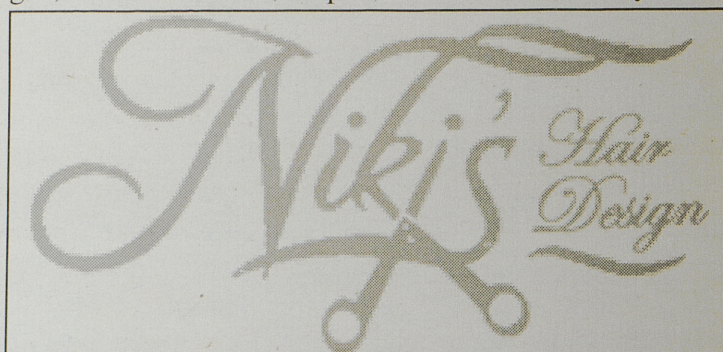
"Come and support the program," Bailey said, "It is a wonderful holiday tradition for all ages that can be done every year."

Honor Society inducts new members

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Others are: Randall Walker and Marlis Warner, Spelbring, Morgan Stanford, Meredith Stone, Jennifer Sturges, Amy Summers, Jennifer Taliaferro, Galaedriel Thomas, Keith Tijerina, Stephanie Tomlin, Sadamoudou Traore, Hilary Tucker, Milton Villagas, Brenda Vincent, Hope

Also chosen: Kelly Watson, Joshua Lee Whitus, Ryan Wickham, Brandy Williams, Clara Rebecca Williams, John Aaron Wilson, Whitney Wilson, Audrey Wright, Tian Xia, Edgar A. Zapata and associate member Jason Perry.



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come recognizable all over campus, as well as off campus and out into the community.

People confront them when they are out doing non-TJC activities.

Mostly the recogni-

tion is positive as people thank them for helping so much with money situations on campus, and the advice they give.

One odd benefit of their office traffic is a chance to keep up with current fashion trends.

Baseball winter camp emphasizes skills, drills

By Dalfie Fraction
Staff Writer

TJC Apache Baseball Winter Baseball Camps last weekend had sessions for players 8 or older at Mike Carter Field.

"This program has been around for 15 years," Apache Assistant Coach Cody Ellis said. "We hope this program can improve a young player's overall game and hopefully players will want to go to the next level and make a stop at TJC."

Activities included a general skills camp emphasizing hitting, fielding,

throwing and base running. The pitching/catching skills and drills helped players learn proper mechanics, pop times, radar velocities and comprehensive shoulder program to use year-round.

The Apache coaching staff led all three sessions: Apache Head Coach John Groth, former major leaguer TJC Apache pitching coach Robert Ellis, former collegiate All-American, now Apache Head Coach Cody Ellis, aided by professional players from East Texas with Major League experience.

They see the wildly dressed and the mildly dressed students, as well as some very "out there" outfits and haircuts.

Occasionally a celebrity comes by. Actress Geena Davis was here for the

Tyler Museum of Art Gala.

The other staff who work closely with Denis and Coleman have only positive comments about these great women.

"They are the most awesome people," Reg-

istrars Assistant Den-ny Yarbrough said.

If a student needs help to handle a money issue, or just some friendly advice the Cashiers office is open Monday through Friday.

TJC Basketball off to strong start

By Brad Brown
Staff Writer

The TJC Men's Basketball team improved to a 6-0 record with a brutal win over Northwestern State Junior Varsity, 6-50, last Tuesday. Freshman Forward William Kossangue from Central Africa led the Apaches in scoring with 18 points and four steals. Kossangue scored 15 points in the second half.

Other players that bolstered TJC's blowout of Northwestern State JV were Freshman Forward Jamie Venderbeken and Nate Evans, who accounted for 14 points each and combined for 10 rebounds. Also contributing to the blowout was Tyrone Scott, who finished the game with 14 points on

6-of-15 shooting.

Scott converted 40 percent of his shots, while the team combined to shoot 58 percent which offset a 10-23 shooting from the Apache free throw line.

After taking an elbow above the eye, which required stitches, in the first half, Sophomore Forward Delbert Simpson scored a total of seven points. Sophomore Forward Nate Garner had 13 points, eight rebounds, six assists and plenty of rest.

The Apaches dominated the defense causing Northwestern State to turn the ball over 30 times. The Apaches only had 15 turn-overs. Sophomore Point Guard Ifeanyi Koggu carved through the North-

western State defense like it was a turkey, as he dished assists all game long.

The Apaches will be off for six days as they head out to Pasadena to play San Jacinto Junior College in the Region XIV opener. The tip-off is scheduled to 7:30 p.m. on the San Jacinto campus.

The TJC Women's Basketball team improved to a 4-1 record with a 78-47 win over Eastern Oklahoma State last Monday night at Wagstaff Gymnasium. The Apache Ladies were led by Laquisha Cook's 18 points. Last weekend the TJC women competed in the Ramada Classic at Wagstaff Gymnasium.

Men's basketball team members prepare for new season

By Brad Brown
Staff Writer

The TJC Men's Basketball Team is geared up for the 2006-2007 season with six returning players, who all started at some point last season.

Preseason All-American 5-foot-10-inch guard Tyrone Cole Scott leads the team. He averaged 20 points and two assists per game last year and he was

the leading scorer in the Region XIV Conference.

Others returning to the team are Ifeanyi Koggu at guard and Delbert Simpson at forward. Koggu graduated from Robert E. Lee High School and Simpson graduated from John Tyler High School.

The other returning player is 6-foot-6-inch forward Schyler King from El Paso. King averaged 11

points per game last year and played a huge part of TJC's upset of Paris in the Region XIV Tournament, Marquis said.

Other TJC players are John Tyler graduates Nate Evans, a 6-foot-5-inch forward and Reggie Nelson, a 6-foot guard.

Joining them are 6-foot-10-inch Center Tray Duty from Reseda, Ca., 6-foot-5-inch Forward Wil-

liam Kossangue from Central Africa, 6-foot-9-inch Forward Jamie Venderbeken from Canada, 6-foot-6-inch Forward Malcolm Thomas from Karnack and 5-foot-11-inch Point Guard Kendle Hall from Nacogdoches.

Head Coach Mike Marquis said he hopes this team can grow and regroup from last year's low-achieving season last year. After a 17-

14 season, including 9-13 in the conference, Marquis hopes the team can correct their mistakes and just have fun playing the game.

Head coach for five years, Marquis has an overall record of 77-73. TJC has more ability at the front line and they are more athletic overall than previous teams, he said.